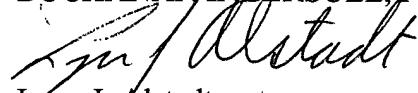


REMARKS

The present amendment rewrites the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims, to provide antecedent basis where required and to substitute "comprising" or "wherein" for "characterized in that" in accordance with United States practice. Claim 1 was also amended to include the intermediate chamber of original claim 3 or 5 and those claims were cancelled. A cross-reference to related application was added to the specification.

Respectfully submitted,

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